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THE COMET AT THE CRISIS.

In the last issue of Word and Works, Editor Hicks has the following regarding the much talked of Halley's Comet:

If "Halley's comet" is going to show up in any sort of spectacular fashion it will be doing so before the end of this month, May. Before this issue of Word and Works goes to press, as announced in our April number, also in our 1910 almanac, the comet will have passed far enough around the Sun to be seen on the eastern horizon before sunrise. From early in April, until near the middle of May, the comet should appear at its best. We repeat what we have said, both in Word and Works and our 1910 almanac, that we do not believe Halley's comet will come up to the popular expectation during its present approach to the Sun. Much, however, will depend upon whether it has lost in magnitude since its visit seventy-five years ago—a fact already indicated by glimpses and estimates made since its appearance last September. Comets, however, are like some people we have seen, they sometimes increase in brilliancy and bigness as they come closer to you. But it cannot be denied, even if Halley's comet is still grand and great, in proportion to some of its former visits to our solar system, it has been disappointingly slow in becoming a naked eye object. For more than half a year the whole world has been agog over the comet, but only a favored few, in the great telescopes, have been able to catch feeble and unsatisfying glimpses of it.

After all, if our great sun does not capture the celestial visitor—a thing not at all impossible—we may yet, in the immediate future, see the comet, in something of its former prestige and glory.

The fact that the comet has been in and near the ecliptic since its appearance, is evidence that it will make a fairly close, or correct conjunction with Earth and Sun about May 18th, but the possibilities are that it will pass far enough below or above the central plane of the Sun, to project its tail millions of miles away from the Earth. Whatever physical effect it may have on the Earth, will come by way of the Sun, and the phenomenally warm weather through March, the convulsions on the Sun, with volcanic violence, earthquakes and abnormal auroral lights, beyond question are largely the results of Halley's comet in its perihelion flight around the suburbs of the Sun. Whatever other results may follow from this close visit of the great celestial wonder we do not hesitate to declare, will not be accidents. The Almighty hand that created and upholds the universe is guiding the comet. Whatever men may say, we firmly believe that God intends to arrest the attention and thoughts of men by sending such marvelous wonders alongside our little world, and in order to do it, if need be, He will cause the comet to blight the Sun and shake the Earth. When vain man flatters himself that he has succeeded in eliminating God from the universe—when the stayed order of nature has crystallized the minds of men into scientific unbelief and blindness, God can and does call forth comets, and whatever other wonderful and alarming agencies He pleases out of the deep, silent, eternal heavens. It is not the work of "superstition" to look for the hand of God in the comet, but is it the part of holy reverence and faith to learn the lesson He would teach—the stupendous fact that a divinity presides over all things in the Earth and heavens. With such reverence, such spiritual discernment, such humble, loving faith and confidence in the good and gracious God, His people can with serenity and calmness look upon any exhibition of His power, or enter into this mysteries of any shadow He may throw upon the world.

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356 Buena Vista St., Los Angeles,
Calif., May 3, 1910.

To the Postmaster of Cedar City,
Utah.

Sir:—From July 1 to end of September 1903 I was the Presbyterian preacher in Parowan, Utah. I lived in the principle hotel there. One day in September a party of gentlemen from Cedar City came to Parowan, and put up at the same hotel I was at. One of these gentlemen and myself had a most interesting conversation. I did not ask his name. If you could trace out this gentleman and ask him to write me I would feel very grateful. I assume you can easily do it. The gentleman was not a Mormon, in fact he never belonged to any church but was a good, moral man. This is all I know about him and it may help you to locate him.

Of course you will understand that in doing these things to bring two men in correspondence with one another, you do it gratis for your love to do good to all you can. The in junction of the Great Teacher—Jesus Christ—was to do good to all men, not looking for a reward here. The reward for God's children is in the beyond.

Trusting to have your best efforts in this matter, and very cordially thanking you for your very best and kindest and most prompt attention to this matter.

Yours Truly,
ALEX MURRAY.

It is learned from Jos. T. Wilkinson, the census enumerator, that today will see the completion of the taking of the census of Cedar City. If there are any persons who have not been enumerated they may leave word at this office or send word to Mr. Wilkinson and the matter will be immediately attended to.

Estray Notice.

State of Utah, County of Iron,
City of Cedar.

I have in my possession the following described estray animal, which, if not claimed and taken away, will be sold at public auction to the highest cash bidder at my corral in Cedar City, on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 1910, at the hour of 10 a. m.

One red 3 year old heifer with young calf, marked crop and upper half crop in left ear, crop of right, branded L X on left ribs.

Said estray was taken up by the City Marshal in said Cedar City on the 28th day of April, 1910.

ISAAC A. NELSON,
Forekeeper for Cedar City.

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